

REMARKS

In the Official Action, the Examiner allowed claims 15-18 and raised rejections with respect to certain other claims. However, the Examiner only objected to claims 2-5 and 7-9 and indicated that such claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

By the present Amendment, the substance of claim 2 has been incorporated into claim 1 and claim 2 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. The dependency of claims 3 and 5 have been amended to depend from claim 1. Thus, each of claims 3-14 depends directly or indirectly from claim 1. Accordingly, all of the claims are now believed to be in allowable form and applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the present application.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning any aspect of this matter, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number provided below.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

Respectfully submitted,

BUCHANAN INGERSOLL & ROONEY PC

By: Robert G. Mukai
Robert G. Mukai
Registration No. 28531

Customer No. 21839
703 836 6620

Date: December 10, 2010